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For: GAS MIXTURES USEFUL AS  
ULTRASOUND CONTRAST MEDIA  
CONTRAST AGENTS CONTAINING THE  
MEDIA AND METHOD

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 1-20 and 23 and 24.

Cancel claims 21 and 22 and add new claims 25-75 as follows:

--25. A method of making an ultrasound contrast agent comprising/suspending gas filled microbubbles or microballoons in a physiologically acceptable aqueous carrier comprising usual surfactants, additives and stabilizers, in which the gas filling the microbubbles or microballoons is a mixture of at least two biocompatible gases A and B,

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